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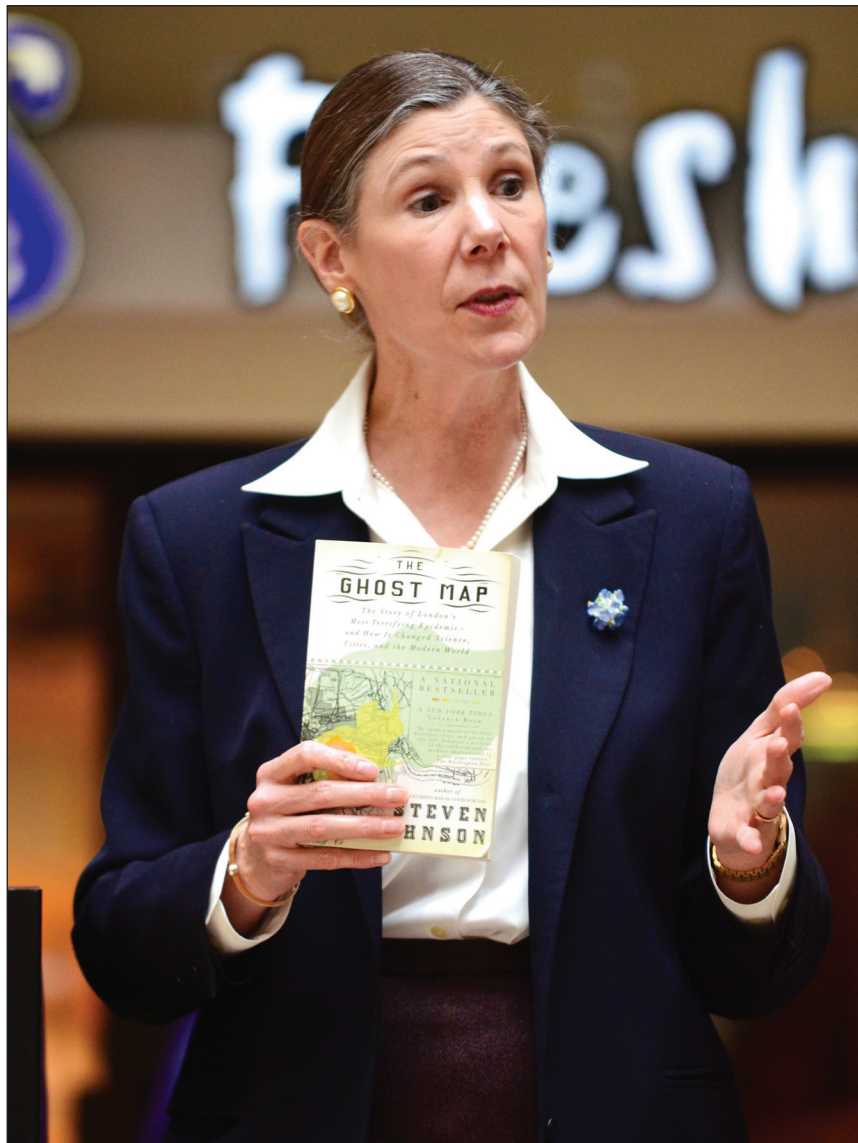
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## KSBN selection 'The Ghost Map' brings humor, mystery to sciences



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

K-State Provost and Senior Vice President **April Mason** describes her enjoyment of "The Ghost Map," by Steven Johnson, and the interdisciplinary mystery within at the K-State Book Network's launch of the book as the university's common book for the 2014-15 school year Tuesday in the K-State Student Union courtyard. The book tells the story of how one man, using groundbreaking epidemiology techniques, pinpointed the exact location of the origin of the 1854 Broad Street cholera epidemic in London.

By **IRIS LOCOCO**  
THE COLLEGIAN

**I**ncoming students to K-State will have a literary adventure of epidemic proportions in store this fall because Tuesday afternoon, the K-State Book Network

announced the common read book for the 2014-15 academic year to be "The Ghost Map" by Steven Johnson.

KSBN is a yearlong reading program that invites students and staff to participate in campuswide events, in-classroom activities and extracurricular games related to the common read selection. After a monthslong voting process, the book was

selected over Christopher McDougall's "Born to Run" and "Defending Jacob" by William Landay.

"We would like to pick a book that says to freshman and incoming students that this is the kind of engagement that you're going to have when you're at the university," said David Rintoul, associate director of the division of biology, associate professor of biology, and Book Selection Committee member. "We want something that's relatable. We want something that's intellectually engaging."

This year's selection, "The Ghost Map," tells the true story of Dr. John Snow. Snow pioneered investigative epidemiology techniques to solve the mystery of the 1854 Broad Street cholera epidemic in London. The techniques involved using a series of complex mathematical algorithms, known as centroidal Voronoi tessellations, of which Snow overlaid on a map of the affected neighborhood and was able to pinpoint the epicenter of the outbreak: a public water pump on Broad Street that had been contaminated by a sewage leak.

"It's about a time and place which is distant: 1850s London," Rintoul said. "Maybe if you've been outside the country recently or to other places, it's not so different than today's world. You can still find places that resemble, unfortunately, 1850s London in their water and sanitation capacities."

Though the book deals primarily with a scientific mystery, organizers emphasize that the activities associated with the book are interdisciplinary and have application to a wide variety of academic fields.

"It will certainly generate lots of discussion about science, about technology, about sociology," Rintoul said. "In civil engineering, 'How do you build water systems and sewer systems that don't kill people?' In information technology, they can use this in their computer science classes because it's one great example of visualization of data."

The KSBN program encourages students to apply the knowledge they have acquired from the common read to their in-class studies, in part, by presenting a scholarship to a student who has exemplified their standards of student learning outcomes. This year's winner, Brett Bachman, sophomore in business administration, won a \$150 scholarship for his paper related to

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## Kansas, Manhattan area briefs

By **KAREN SARITA INGRAM**  
THE COLLEGIAN

### Missouri man leads Kansas authorities on chase, kills self

A man wanted for crimes in St. Joseph, Mo., led Hiawatha, Kan. police on a high-speed car chase before turning a gun on himself. According to News-Press Now, Jack Ryan Kelley was wanted for felony stealing in St. Joseph and was tracked by authorities to a house near Hiawatha, Kan. The Kansas Highway Patrol obtained a search warrant and arrest warrant for Kelley, who then attempted to flee in a pickup truck. Kelley allegedly shot himself after wrecking the vehicle and was air lifted to a Kansas City hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The article states that the Hiawatha Police Department later searched the house Kelley fled from and found drugs, paraphernalia and a six-year-old boy who was taken into custody. The investigation is ongoing.

### KBI investigates KHP shooting of Oberlin man

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has launched a probe after a Kansas Highway Patrol officer allegedly shot and killed a suspect in Oberlin, Kan. According to the Salina Journal, Oberlin police responded to a call regarding possible criminal activity on Monday. The suspect fled the scene with Oberlin police and KHP officers in pursuit. Allegedly, the suspect fired at officers, who returned fire and left the suspect dead. One KHP officer has been suspended while the investigation is in progress, which is standard procedure for such cases. The identities of the suspect and officer in question have not been released at this time.

### Kansas City warns pet owners of parvovirus outbreak

There has been a spike in the number of parvovirus cases in the Kansas City area, and experts are warning dog owners to be cautious. According to a March 6 article by KSHB, there have been seven cases so far on both sides of the state line and more are expected because the virus is highly contagious.

The Parvo virus attacks a dog's intestinal track, causing lethargy, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and other symptoms. If left untreated, it can be deadly. Parvo is transmitted through infected feces and can live outside of a body for up to a year, so it can be picked up by dogs anywhere from grass to food bowls, or even a person's clothes or shoes.

Dogs can be protected from parvovirus with vaccinations. For more information, contact a local veterinarian or K-State Small Animal Hospital at 785-532-5690.

### The Graduate School announces final doctoral dissertations

The final doctoral dissertation of Kevin Garrett, "Sickle Cell Disease and the Family: A Multiple-Case Study," will be held March 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Justin Hall room 167.

The final doctoral dissertation of Rajesh Kadel, "Laser Dynamics of a Mode Locked Thulium/Holmium Fiber Laser in the Solitonic and Stretched Pulse Regime," will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in Cardwell Hall room 119.

The final doctoral dissertation of Bette Grauer, "Secondary Science Teachers' Use of the Affective Domain in Science Education," will be held March 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Blumont Hall room 257.

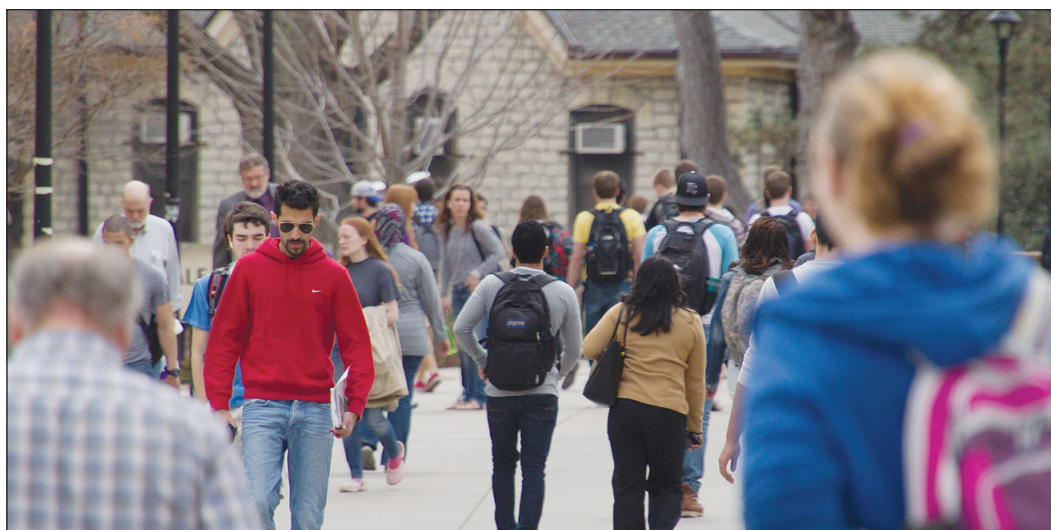
The final doctoral dissertation of Randal Hickman, "Generating Cutting Planes Through Inequality Merging for Integer Programming Problems," will be held April 16 at 9 a.m. in Durland Hall room 2036.

## K-State makes exceptions to admit promising students

By **SOM KANDLUR**  
THE COLLEGIAN

In 2012, K-State admitted over 3,800 first year students to its various colleges. Most of the admitted students were accepted to K-State by meeting the requirements outlined by the Kansas Board of Regents. In the 2012-13 academic year, K-State accepted 12.3 percent of nonresident freshmen and 3.5 percent of resident freshmen that did not meet the board's requirements. Because of this, K-State was allowed 85 fewer "exception students" in the 2013-14 school year.

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, an institution is allowed to admit 10 percent of the total number of admitted nonresident freshmen as exceptions, or 50 students, whichever is higher. The number of resident



TAYLOR ALDERMAN | THE COLLEGIAN

Students and professors walk to class on Tuesday afternoon. The Kansas Board of Regents has released how many students universities in Kansas have accepted that do not meet minimal standards; while K-State has accepted 338 nonresident freshman exceptions, the next highest in Kansas is 107 from KU.

freshmen exceptions is also 10 percent of the total enrolled resident freshmen.

In order to be admitted at K-State, a student must meet one of three broad criteria outlined

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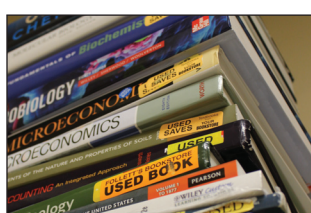
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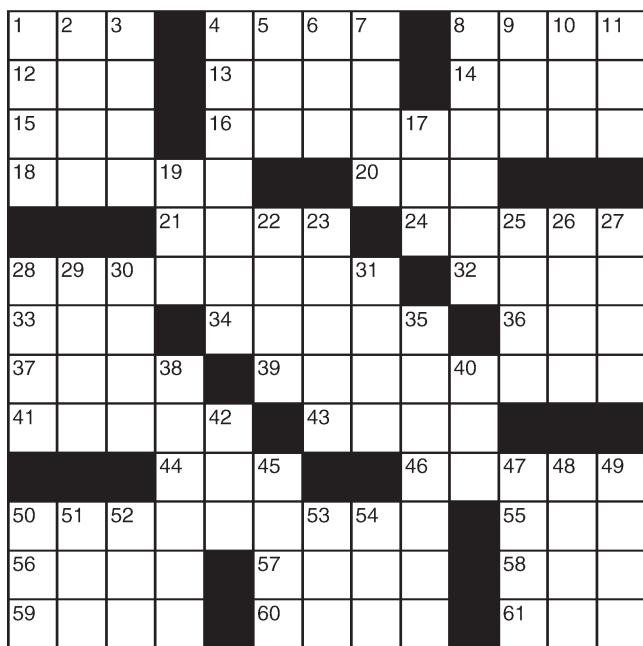
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## THE BLOTTER

### ARREST REPORTS

**Monday, March 10**

**William Burton Robinson IV**, 1000 block of Fremont Street, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was listed at \$5,000.

**Bradley Robert Pridy-Hess**, Fort Riley, was booked for fleeing or attempting to elude. Bond was listed at \$1,500.

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BASEBALL

Streaking baseball team to take on Nebraska-Omaha tonight



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Senior third baseman **RJ Santigate** slides back into first base before being tagged out by Iowa first baseman **Tyler Peyton** after attempting to steal second in the fifth inning of the Wildcats' 3-2 defeat of Iowa in the first game of the series Friday.

BY SPENCER LOW  
THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Wildcats used solid pitching on Friday and Saturday, followed by a late-innings offensive storm on Sunday to take three games from Iowa and even their record at .500 for the season. After a 1-7 start, the team is surging back and is looking to continue their streak of hot play as they welcome the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks (5-7) tonight at Tointon Family Stadium.

"It's kind of like starting all over a little bit but you really can't hide the fact of the way you start-

ed," head coach Brad Hill said following the game on Sunday. "So all you can do is just try to move forward and keep trying to play good baseball, build on some things that took place this weekend."

The Wildcats (7-7) scored 10 runs in the final three innings on Sunday to steal a win, showing off the high powered offense that fans became used to last season. After stumbling in the first couple weeks of the season, the bats are starting to heat up again for K-State, led by the teams' upperclassmen.

"It feels good to start swinging the bats again like we should," junior infielder Shane Conlon said.

Junior shortstop Austin Fisher is pacing the team in both batting

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BRAD HILL  
K-STATE BASEBALL HEAD COACH

average, with a .392 mark, and slugging percentage this season, at .471. Senior first baseman Shane Conlon is hitting .308 this season, and already has a team-high five doubles, while fellow senior center fielder Ross Kivett leads the team in both walks and hit-by-pitches, giving him an impressive .452 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot.

For Omaha, right fielder Cole Gruber is the leader on offense with a team-highs in batting average (.408), on-base percentage (.463) and slugging percentage (.510). Center fielder Alex Schultz is also having a good start to the season, batting .364 in a solid outfield for the Mavericks.

It is worth noting that the two

teams have played a couple of the same teams this season. Last weekend, Omaha went 1-3 against Grand Canyon, the team that K-State started its winning streak against with a couple of big wins two weekends ago. The Mavericks also lost a game to Iowa, who the Wildcats just swept. In total, Omaha has a 1-4 record against teams that K-State has a 4-0 record against.

K-State is expected to start Nate Griep tonight against the Mavericks. The freshman right-hander has pitched very well out of the bullpen so far this season, to the tune of a 1.59 ERA in four appearances.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Kansas City Chiefs suffer loss of key players on first day of NFL free agency

BY AUSTIN EARL  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas City Chiefs are faced with a very tough cap situation this off-season. Without much spending money, the Chiefs lost five starters and two Pro-Bowlers to other teams on the first day of NFL free agency.

The Chiefs lost offensive linemen Geoff Schwartz, Jon Asamoah and Branden Albert, along with punt returner Dexter McCluster. Defensive end Ty-

son Jackson also took his talents to another team.

This was something that was bound to happen. The Chiefs have very little cap room. They could not afford the players that they lost because other teams needed those players more, therefore they could pay more.

General Manager John Dorsey and former General Manager Scott Pioli put a lot of money into key players on the Chiefs. When players like Geoff Schwartz outplay their contract, there is no money left to give.

But these losses aren't the end of the world for Kansas City.

There is a lot of time in free agency left, and the Chiefs have a lot of holes to fill. Obviously, they need another lineman. Schwartz and Asamoah both started for the team at the end of last season. Asamoah was the starter from day one. Jeff Allen's poor play led to Schwartz taking over at the guard position.

If the Chiefs don't find quality replacements for Asamoah and Schwartz, quarterback Alex Smith will be under

pressure all season. But finding guards is where Andy Reid has historically excelled. If Reid continues his pattern of finding good linemen, the effects of losing three players could be minimal.

The loss of Jackson also leaves a gap in the defense. But the Chiefs can improve if they get the right player in place of Jackson. He is a run-stopping specialist, but only totaled four sacks in 2013. If the Chiefs find a defensive end that can rush the passer, that makes their defensive line much harder to match-

up with – even if that player isn't great against the run.

The loss of McCluster is one that many Chiefs fans are up in arms about. But McCluster is one-dimensional. He is not a good threat on offense, only in the return game. The Chiefs could replace him with a player that can do many more things, running back Darren Sproles.

Sproles has been the target of many rumors over the past few days, and most reports say that the New Orleans Saints will trade him. The former K-State Wildcat set the single-season

NFL record for all-purpose yards in 2011. His effectiveness in the short passing game would be a great complement to running back Jamaal Charles.

The Chiefs endured a lot of losses on day one of free agency, but that doesn't mean they will be a bad team in 2014. Dorsey and Reid have a lot of work ahead of them to find players that can produce for their team without breaking the bank. These players don't have to be superstars; if they are the right guys, the Chiefs can remain competitive in the AFC West.

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# Student success judged by experience, not time

By BRITTNEY MACHADO  
THE COLLEGIAN

There is an unspoken stigma about how long a college student should be in school. People have certain expectations about the amount of time spent in higher education, and if students don't reach that criteria, they are often looked at differently. College is a time of growth and development, as well as a time to figure out who students are going to be – and students shouldn't rush to fit that into four years.

With competition for jobs stronger now than ever, students are double majoring and adding minors to set themselves apart. With so much specialized schooling, some students are taking longer than the once-thought average of four years to complete a bachelor's degree.

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CONNIE BECK  
SENIOR IN FAMILY STUDIES AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Upon entering college, Connie Beck, senior in family studies and human services, said she thought she was going to be done in four years. This year marks her fifth.

“I didn't necessarily have a plan to stay longer, but my parents said that I should take my time,” Beck said.

Beck said she came to college thinking she wanted a degree in life sciences. However, after taking family relations and gender roles with Kelly Welch, assistant professor of family studies and human services, Beck decided she needed to change her major.

After her major change the beginning of sophomore year, Beck said she realized she was going to have to stay a fifth year to complete her newly declared degree.

Although, not all students come into college and realize they chose the wrong major. Kennedy



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A small sample of what a multi-year senior may go through before they graduate.

St George, junior in agricultural communications and journalism, said she came into college knowing two things about her future: she wanted to write for an agricultural publication, and she wanted to graduate in three years.

Not only will St George be completing her degree and a minor in a total of three years, but she's secured a summer internship at Kansas Country Living Magazine in Topeka, and has a

part-time job.

“I'm a very structured person,” St George said. “I make a list for every day and follow it.”

In order for St George to graduate early, she took college-credit classes in high school and took at least 18 hours each semester.

St George receives many reactions from individuals when they find out she is graduating a year early.

“People ask ‘why’ a lot,” St George said. “Or, ‘What's wrong with you?’”

Sometimes, St George said she wishes she'd stayed a full four years.

“Sometimes I wish I would've rushed a sorority and taken a bid from the equestrian team,” St George said. “My family is proud of my accomplishments, and I feel an obligation to them to complete my degree in

three years.”

In Beck's case, she was able to use her fifth year to figure out exactly what she wanted to do after college.

“This whole extra year has been a great year to develop myself,” Beck said. “If I hadn't had an extra year, I wouldn't have an internship right now, and I wouldn't have such a clear picture for what I want to do.”

Many students come into college with some sort of plan laid out. But even if they don't, many are encouraged to make a four-year plan freshman year once they begin the enrollment process.

Katheryn Dixon, freshman in agricultural communications and journalism, created an overall life plan in high school. She said her next step is to create an overall college.

“I'm thinking about switching my major to animal science and industries so I can focus in on a more specific area,” Dixon said.

If she decides to change her major, Dixon said she aware that she would have to stay an additional year. With that additional year, she said she's considering adding a Spanish minor, which would both add time at K-State and help her with the potential degree change.

Every student has a story of his or her own; each created by unique experiences that lead them down their own path. However, those paths may elicit certain stigmas from an outside perspectives.

“A lot of people think I'm crazy for getting done in three years,” St George said. “Some people even try and convince me to stay an additional year.”

Because neither St George or Beck are following what is considered to the normal four-year plan, they have both been criticized for their decisions.

“A lot of people don't understand the concept of a fifth year,” Beck said. “There is a senior year then an additional year, which is different than just being a senior again.”

Dixon said she has high hopes for her college education, and isn't opposed to the idea of having to stay longer than four years.

“I could get a better degree and get more schooling by staying an additional year,” Dixon said.

Students, despite facing the different stigmas in society, continue to take their own time and finish school the best way that suits each individual.

“I think if you can be dedicated and stay for five years, that is really impressive,” St George said.

## Eight-song soundtrack that will put some ‘spring’ in students’ spring break



JAKKI THOMPSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

Spring break starts this weekend, providing some much needed relief for students who are ready to just be done with classes, midterms and papers. Some students will travel, while others will stay in Manhattan or go home. However, there is almost always one common element between students that travel: music.

So here's to the good times, and potentially bad, that will come along with spring break. Whether its spending time in a car, flying on a plane or cruising on a ship, this playlist will help any college student pass the travel time.

### 1. “School's Out” by Alice Cooper

Although this song directly screams about school being

out for summer, and then about school being out forever, some students may feel this way right now being only midway through the semester. This is an anthem to all students who are mentally checked out of school. It will pump people up and make people feel relieved about their time away from K-State and their classes.

### 2. “Shots” by LMFAO

This band may seem to have fallen off the face of the planet, but their songs about drinking have not. “Shots” is one of the top token party songs of the last decade. If you're spending your spring break drinking locally, at home or someplace tropical and warm, here is your song. No matter who you are, whether you drink a lot or a little, or just in social settings, this song is one of those that will automatically pump you up. It will make you want to take a shot of alcohol whether your body has the ability to process it or not. Its fun, upbeat and repetitive lyrics will get anyone excited about taking shots.

### 3. “She's Country” by Jason Aldean

Whether or not you like country, this song crosses genres. Once its started, it makes listeners want to finish it. Aldean headlined at Country Stampede in 2013, so many Manhattan residents and K-State students are not unfamiliar with this song or its performer. Although the sound of “She's Country” is more alternative rock, the lyrics bring it back to Aldean's country roots. Whether you like or don't like country, this song hopefully can get anyone going in the spirit of spring break.

### 4. “It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere” by Alan Jackson feat. Jimmy Buffet

Often, when students have nine days off from class (including weekends), they will partake in drinking, no matter the time of the day. Waking up and chanting “it's 5 o'clock

somewhere” and drinking an alcoholic beverage is how some people choose to spend their time off. Since the release of this song in 2003, it has done nothing but become more well known as the years pass.

### 5. “Dark Horse” by Katy Perry feat. Juicy J

Though this song is one of the most recent on this list, it holds its own against these classics. With its distinct bass line and synthesized sounds, this song will have anyone coming at their destinations like a dark horse.

### 6. “Scream & Shout” by will.i.am feat. Britney Spears

Anyone with a decent sound system who follows pop culture has most likely blared the repetitive sounds of this song in their car or home. The core of the song sounds almost identical to the music that was produced by The Black Eyed

Peas before they disbanded, but with the added sounds of Britney Spears, it helps this song navigate through the black hole where pop music comes and goes from. This song is sure to be popular for a while, and is sure to keep people in the spring break spirit.

### 7. “Here I Go Again” by Whitesnake

This song is the soundtrack to our society's desire for individualism and independence from others. Many people know this song, so this song is perfect if you're traveling by yourself or with others; it will ensue a group or individual sing-along. Contrastingly, “Here I Go Again” will also help get anyone through having a house or apartment to themselves for more than a week.

### 8. “Wake Me Up” by Avicii

This song could wake

anyone up from the mundane day-to-day ruts people tend to get into as spring break approaches. Hopefully, you won't be woken up during spring break before 9 a.m. But if that happens, maybe you'll wake up older and wiser. When people wake up a week from Monday, it will all be over, so live it up while you can.

While not all eight of these songs might be in your regular arsenal of musical selections, when put together, they make a perfect soundtrack for this spring break. By including party anthems, classic drinking songs and pop music, it will keep listeners jamming to a diverse playlist. So go enjoy your break more with a spring break-themed playlist.

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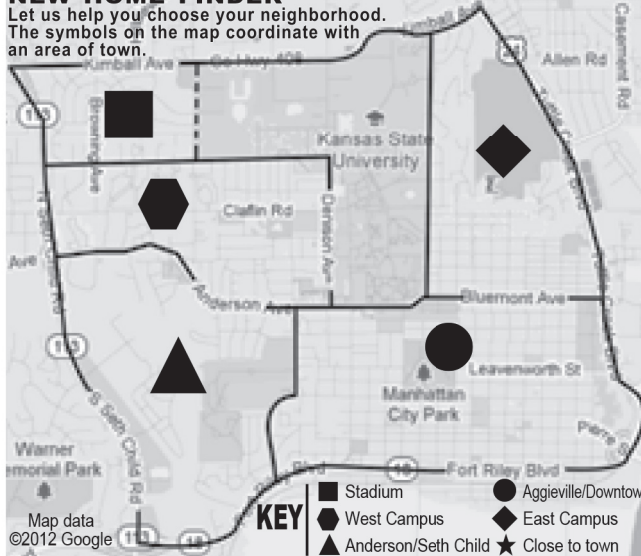
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## KSBN | Common read-inspired games center around student learning outcomes

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this year's common read, Ernest Cline's "Ready Player One."

"The student who won this award wrote a paper that used critical thinking and application of learning, two of our student learning outcomes for KSBN, when he talked about how taken aback he was and discouraged by the future portrayed in 'Ready Player One,'" said Tara Coleman, public relations committee chair for KSBN and associate professor at Hale Library. "In his paper, he talked about the things he could do as a K-State student this semester to prevent that future from happening."

Assistant professors of Hale Library, Dan Ireton and Joelle Pitts, and instructional technologist, Ben Ward, also won the KSBN Faculty/Staff Award for using the book in a way that brought people together as a means to think outside the box.

"Community building is another one of our student learning outcomes, and the winners of the Faculty/Staff Awards did this on a large scale," Coleman said.

This year, the campuswide "Ready Player One" tie-in game created by K-State faculty and staff had over 300 participants across the Manhattan and Salina campuses. The game required participants to visit offices on campus, solve puzzles and build relationships around "Ready Player One."

"I think there was a time where they went to the Challenge Course, and they learning about themes from the book

as they got to know campus," Coleman said.

A similar series of games and activities are already in the works by the Faculty/Staff Award winners for "The Ghost Map," including a campus visit from the author.

Ryan Cloyd, graduate student in modern languages, participated in the activities associated with "Ready Player One," and emphasized that students do not need to invest copious amounts of time in order to reap personal benefits from the game.

"The game was structured in a way where if you wanted to play it casually, then you could play it casually," Cloyd said. "An interesting aspect of the game is that you could kind of put in as much as you wanted to."

Cloyd also said he enjoyed that the common read game pushed him to try new things.

"For me personally, there were a lot of places on campus that I've never been, and never intended on going to at all," Cloyd said. "The further along the game went, the more connections I made. I walk around campus seeing people that I might not know by name but I know by face, and to me that's something that's important. You can't get that from just sticking to your own program of study and not branching out."

Students can also get involved with the common read program by applying to be on the Book Selection Committee. This year, nine K-State students served on the committee that selected "The Ghost Map."

"I never say 'no' to a student," Coleman said. "I know

that if they email me, they are really interested, and even if they can only commit a little bit of time because of their schedule, that little bit of time makes a big difference."

Coleman explained that books are voted "in" and not "out," and this year's selections were narrowed down from an original group of 12-16 books.

"When we are narrowing down books, I have a really long list of questions that committee members have to answer," Coleman said. "It's a little daunting: 'What are the strengths or weaknesses?' 'How would you use the book?' 'What are barriers that might prevent you from using this book?'"

Ultimately, "The Ghost Map" was selected because of its relationship to sustainability, its mystery-like qualities and its appeal to people who may not typically be fans of nonfiction.

"There were a lot of ways to tie it into campus," Coleman said. "We have food safety and public health, activities like that. We thought it would be a good idea to sort of understand how fortunate we are currently in that it's not an international state. I've never been to a place where I couldn't drink out of the fountain."

Coleman said she believes that the book is interesting, approachable and will bring humor and mystery to the sciences.

"Loving the book is not a requirement," Coleman said. "Thinking about the book and thinking about things inspired by the book is what we really want."

## ADMIT | K-State 'not in business' of denying opprotunities says Moeder

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by the office of admissions, said Director of Admissions Larry Moeder.

"For the current year, students need to have a 21 or above on the ACT, a 980 on the combined verbal and math components of the SAT," said Moeder, who is also assistant vice president for student life and director of student financial assistance. "They would also be admitted if they rank in the upper third of their class or complete a set of 13 core courses that are defined by our Kansas board of regents, with a 2.0 grade point average if they are from Kansas and 2.5 GPA if they are from out of state."

According to Moeder, the requirements outlined by the Kansas Board of Regents act as guidelines to assist in admissions. The university is also given the opportunity to look at individual applications and decide whether or not a student could be successful at the university, despite not having met all the admission requirements. This policy allows for the admittance of certain students who may not be academically qualified but nonetheless show potential to be successful.

"There may be instances where one of the students couldn't get one of the courses – perhaps due to a limitation within their high school which led to them not being able to offer that course or a sequencing of courses didn't work out for the student in high school" Moeder said. "Many students who are strong students academically, but are just not strong test-takers. So, while they may not do well on standardized tests, they are still good students who should get the opportunity to go to college."

Moeder said the decision to be admitted to K-State as an exception depends on the student displaying a level of passion and ability to be successful with a college curriculum.

"We ask for letters of recommendations and statements from the students about their goals," Moeder said. "We want to know how they're going to pay for college, what they are going to do with their degree and their long-term goals. We really want to see if they are passionate and want to be a part of K-State"

According to Moeder, the decision to admit students who have not met the stated academic requirements comes from K-State's origin as a land-grant college.

"As a land-grant college, it is part of K-State's philosophy to educate the populous," Moeder said. "We are not in the business of denying someone an opportunity to go to college especially if the person deserves it."

Students on campus have a generally positive view about the admission of exceptions to K-State.

"I think its great that K-State can look past academics and let students in who have potential and actually want to be successful," Alyssa Lally, junior in journalism, said. "But I think it's a little unfair that while we accept more and more students, we are pushing upperclassmen out of the dorms."

In 2012, the housing and dining services at K-State enacted a policy that prevented students living in the residence halls from staying for more than six semesters. The move was made primarily in order to reduce the number of students living in overflow housing.

"We had a high number of people wanting to live in the residence halls," Nick Lander, assistant director of residence life, said. "There was an increasing need for us to figure out how we could manage the space that we have. We have a lot of great spaces on campus but we realized that the residence halls were the best place for freshmen and it was a way for us to ensure that there was adequate accommodation for first-year students."

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Colorado, 1519  
Eleventh, 512 N.  
Laramie, 1017 #3  
Laramie, 1017 #4  
Laramie, 1734 1/2  
Leavenworth, 814  
Manhattan, 1306 N.  
Moro, 619  
Ratone, 1008

#### 2 Bedrooms-August

Anderson, 2431  
Anderson, 2433 (Garage)  
Bertrand, 1114  
Eleventh, 512 N.  
Fourteenth, 363 N.  
Fremont, 1200  
Houston, 1722 (Upper)  
Humboldt, 717  
Laramie, 1736  
McCain, 1500  
Moro, 523  
Moro, 800  
Ninth, 701 N.  
Seaton, 2014  
Spain, 2114  
Wildcat Ridge, 845

#### 3 Bedrooms-August

Fair Ln., 1517  
Green Valley, 1609  
Winne, 2509  
Yuma, 1431

#### 4 Bedrooms-August

Anderson, 2431-2433 (Garage)  
College Hgts., 2070

#### 4 Bedrooms-June

Ratone, 1124

#### 5 Bedrooms

Summit, 408 (June)



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